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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SOVIET PETROLEUM TECHNICIANS IN SYRIA

DURING DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF SEPT. 9, SYRIAN DEPUTY  
MIN PETROLEUM, NADER NABULSI, SAID ON SUBJECT OF  
FOREIGN TECHNICIANS WORKING FOR SARG IN PETROLEUM  
FIELD, SOVIET TECHNICIANS CAME AT ABOUT ONE-THIRD THE  
PRICE OF WESTERN EUROPEANS OR AMERICANS, AND, ALTHOUGH  
LESS COMPETENT, WERE MORE COMPETENT THAN AVAILABLE  
SYRIANS. HE SAID SOVIETS HAD SEVERAL TIMES THREATENED  
TO WITHDRAW THEIR TECHNICIANS BUT HAD NEVER ACTUALLY  
DONE SO "BECAUSE THEY NEED SYRIA AS MUCH AS WE NEED  
THEM."

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